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MONTHLY COMPLETION REPORT FOR U.S. OIL, GAS, AND DRY WELLS

As a result of a time lag between the time a well is completed and the time its completion is reported, the published numbers do not reflect the total number of wells actually completed. Consequently, the data is preliminary and subject to revision. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions reported for the current month and each of the eleven prior months (Table I). For comparison purposes, the same period reported one year ago is also included.

The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests as well as service wells. The geographic distribution for well completions and footage drilled is available on a quarterly basis, in the API publication entitled the "Quarterly Completion Report".

Total Wells Completed

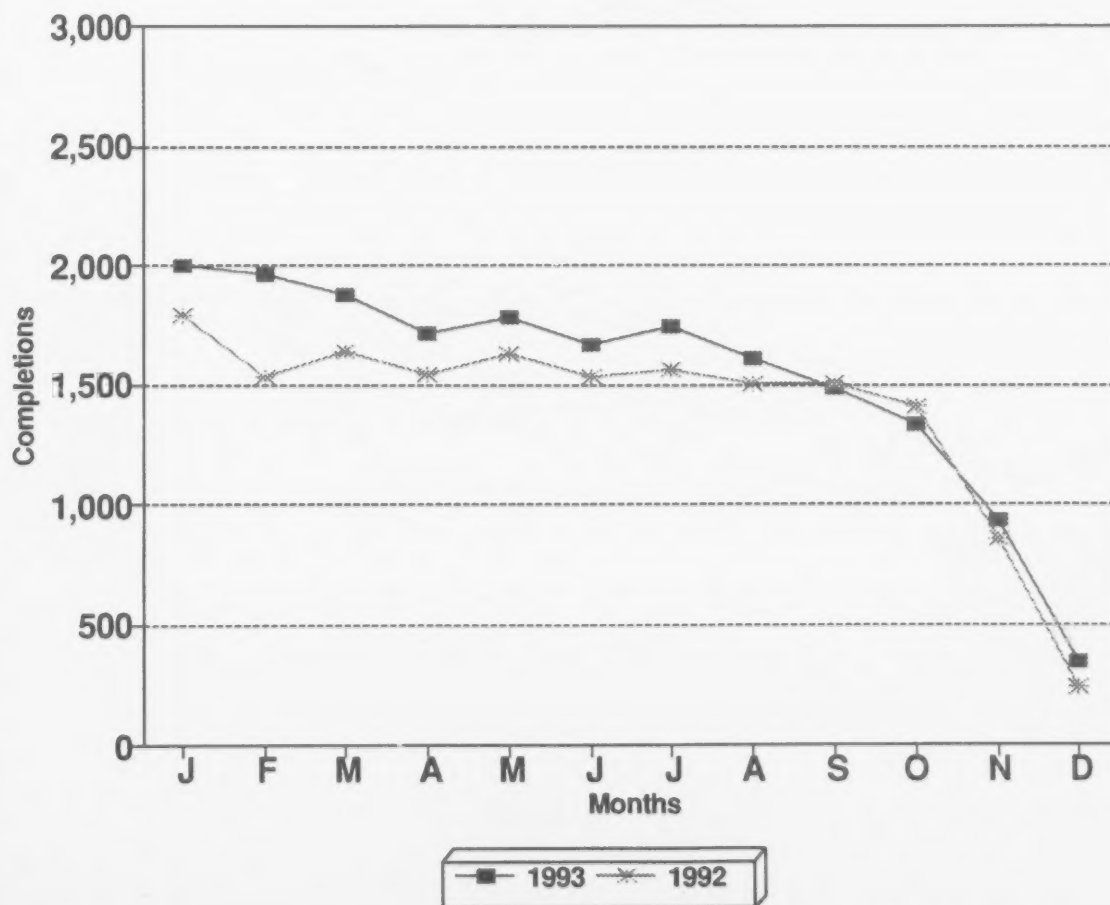


**TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER, 1993(1)**

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS(4)	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	6,353	35,221,541	6,517	41,562,940	5,584	29,252,491	18,454	106,036,972	18,943	107,898,109
1993: DEC	86	597,636	67	464,732	195	1,105,645	348	2,168,013	351	2,171,187
NOV	348	2,278,798	240	1,736,319	344	1,921,806	932	5,936,923	944	5,996,647
OCT	486	2,901,825	414	2,857,495	431	2,267,543	1,331	8,026,863	1,365	8,175,290
SEP	520	2,978,551	445	2,836,012	518	2,746,137	1,483	8,560,700	1,533	8,766,724
AUG	603	3,044,324	478	3,151,179	523	2,737,200	1,604	8,932,703	1,656	9,150,808
JUL	615	3,580,748	446	2,891,530	681	3,227,818	1,742	9,700,096	1,779	9,902,440
JUN	603	3,474,692	542	3,314,840	526	2,688,259	1,671	9,477,791	1,720	9,669,822
MAY	608	3,083,444	605	3,967,749	566	2,916,477	1,779	9,967,670	1,824	10,122,430
APR	590	3,247,518	608	4,400,129	521	2,724,403	1,719	10,372,050	1,779	10,549,436
MAR	639	3,207,951	854	5,423,389	387	2,146,779	1,880	10,778,119	1,940	10,962,894
FEB	590	3,168,369	901	5,243,531	469	2,547,492	1,960	10,559,392	2,002	11,106,501
JAN	665	3,657,685	917	5,276,035	423	2,222,932	2,005	11,156,652	2,050	11,323,930
TOTAL 1992	8,633	44,334,179	7,531	42,987,492	6,285	32,071,247	22,449	119,392,918	23,416	121,661,085
1992: DEC	780	4,084,091	929	5,170,341	452	2,456,359	2,161	11,710,791	2,271	11,923,639
NOV	726	3,791,246	867	5,101,744	479	2,488,761	2,072	11,381,751	2,130	11,556,041
OCT	803	3,816,145	892	5,083,425	559	2,884,807	2,254	11,784,377	2,334	11,971,266
SEP	791	3,970,557	633	3,644,568	557	2,931,128	1,981	10,546,253	2,050	10,701,740
AUG	661	3,307,303	597	3,435,095	590	2,880,690	1,848	9,623,088	1,904	9,727,318
JUL	715	3,687,908	532	2,974,034	557	2,687,192	1,804	9,349,134	1,861	9,466,330
JUN	676	3,524,390	495	2,893,627	514	2,512,136	1,685	8,930,153	1,732	9,064,622
MAY	676	3,598,962	459	2,772,579	611	2,919,035	1,746	9,290,576	1,812	9,486,351
APR	675	3,396,832	427	2,656,455	528	2,709,933	1,630	8,763,220	1,756	9,078,449
MAR	742	3,883,467	513	2,892,540	504	2,671,677	1,759	9,447,684	1,864	9,617,256
FEB	615	3,218,793	576	3,005,250	428	2,282,000	1,619	8,506,043	1,725	8,789,946
JAN	773	4,054,485	611	3,357,834	506	2,647,529	1,890	10,059,848	1,977	10,278,127
TOTAL 1991	11,733	54,259,040	9,020	47,652,347	7,664	39,480,310	28,417	141,391,697	29,599	144,328,221
1991: DEC	752	3,674,785	684	3,779,254	615	3,296,174	2,051	10,750,213	2,122	10,992,146
NOV	728	3,348,254	633	3,928,966	626	3,085,971	1,987	10,363,191	2,068	10,524,668
OCT	935	4,162,358	780	4,091,541	706	3,672,961	2,421	11,926,860	2,512	12,124,074
SEP	826	3,702,030	726	3,639,258	614	3,119,768	2,166	10,461,056	2,279	10,720,818
AUG	961	4,322,532	785	4,124,169	652	3,304,495	2,398	11,751,196	2,482	11,981,172
JUL	942	4,283,950	809	4,222,709	700	3,427,190	2,451	11,933,849	2,574	12,264,978
JUN	919	4,150,619	773	4,140,427	618	3,077,030	2,310	11,368,076	2,410	11,611,186
MAY	1,021	4,684,095	718	3,687,628	619	3,010,997	2,358	11,382,720	2,475	11,607,903
APR	1,111	5,200,999	724	3,855,041	643	3,352,379	2,478	12,408,419	2,573	12,683,493
MAR	1,146	5,495,441	781	4,110,513	639	3,402,659	2,566	13,008,613	2,653	13,287,665
FEB	1,182	5,391,335	723	3,858,264	641	3,462,122	2,546	12,711,721	2,643	12,948,118
JAN	1,210	5,842,642	884	4,214,577	591	3,268,564	2,685	13,325,783	2,808	13,582,000
TOTAL 1990	12,078	54,178,941	10,507	53,854,048	8,454	43,490,122	31,039	151,523,111	31,890	153,824,616
TOTAL 1989	10,317	43,346,304	9,238	47,885,398	8,360	42,541,372	27,915	133,773,074	28,607	136,045,276

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER, 1993(1)

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	369	2,370,607	345	2,087,256	2,074	11,853,429	2,788	16,311,292
1993: DEC	4	24,223	5	31,615	67	414,085	76	469,923
NOV	17	125,220	23	163,107	142	851,214	182	1,139,541
OCT	27	191,519	28	163,735	156	827,047	211	1,182,301
SEP	27	168,309	26	183,282	189	1,091,331	242	1,442,922
AUG	21	112,896	33	207,728	213	1,224,187	267	1,544,811
JUL	34	217,882	23	104,625	246	1,286,449	303	1,608,956
JUN	44	241,437	29	171,753	208	1,154,345	281	1,567,535
MAY	39	233,372	39	264,638	164	908,133	242	1,406,143
APR	47	303,178	27	173,061	200	1,187,259	274	1,663,498
MAR	30	210,542	30	177,816	170	1,068,804	230	1,457,162
FEB	31	212,997	46	248,015	165	976,506	242	1,437,518
JAN	48	329,032	36	197,881	154	864,069	238	1,390,982
TOTAL 1992	496	3,206,471	380	2,314,142	2,585	13,857,800	3,461	19,378,413
1992: DEC	26	167,699	32	164,811	163	953,210	221	1,285,720
NOV	40	257,578	39	223,638	166	952,346	245	1,433,562
OCT	46	297,870	37	235,462	212	1,108,717	295	1,642,049
SEP	36	244,759	21	105,288	227	1,209,976	284	1,560,023
AUG	45	290,370	35	179,825	249	1,262,124	329	1,732,319
JUL	49	289,941	36	219,366	266	1,374,017	351	1,883,324
JUN	48	324,300	34	234,280	212	1,155,016	294	1,713,596
MAY	40	277,594	25	149,260	249	1,200,378	314	1,627,232
APR	43	255,380	26	132,069	249	1,357,367	318	1,744,816
MAR	36	199,005	28	207,531	205	1,110,906	269	1,517,442
FEB	40	265,465	34	240,486	169	911,902	243	1,417,853
JAN	47	336,510	33	222,126	218	1,261,841	298	1,820,477
TOTAL 1991	574	3,581,844	521	3,391,945	3,304	18,751,869	4,399	25,725,658
1991: DEC	39	291,519	52	286,189	271	1,504,883	362	2,082,591
NOV	33	189,327	42	310,031	292	1,558,373	367	2,057,731
OCT	36	188,412	47	287,137	303	1,630,534	386	2,106,083
SEP	35	238,812	35	196,177	254	1,453,739	324	1,888,728
AUG	52	336,947	41	256,037	308	1,671,503	401	2,264,487
JUL	60	347,996	37	237,299	314	1,795,879	411	2,381,174
JUN	55	321,728	44	299,428	257	1,479,598	356	2,100,754
MAY	42	241,553	42	310,589	250	1,391,354	334	1,943,496
APR	52	358,493	38	240,867	270	1,596,735	360	2,196,095
MAR	58	383,769	37	256,969	269	1,628,599	364	2,269,337
FEB	50	335,642	57	407,562	262	1,544,893	369	2,288,097
JAN	62	347,646	49	303,660	254	1,495,779	365	2,147,085
TOTAL 1990	646	4,289,499	654	4,406,427	3,799	21,404,458	5,099	30,100,384
TOTAL 1989	602	3,576,835	693	4,483,727	3,999	21,898,317	5,294	29,958,879

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS(1) BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING DECEMBER, 1993

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED CURRENT MONTH(4)	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	702	4,178,987	691	4,246,129	522	2,833,746	1,915	11,258,862	1,944	11,370,772
1993: DEC	86	597,636	67	464,732	195	1,105,645	348	2,168,013	351	2,171,187
NOV	305	2,050,196	202	1,485,302	176	964,966	683	4,500,464	691	4,539,948
OCT	125	720,217	163	879,867	53	265,453	341	1,865,537	351	1,916,411
SEP	62	317,063	90	486,142	34	156,576	186	959,781	188	968,415
AUG	40	157,532	38	212,152	20	97,080	98	466,764	100	471,647
JUL	32	166,894	30	142,841	11	43,386	73	353,121	73	353,121
JUN	15	60,588	21	138,186	10	85,650	46	284,424	46	284,424
MAY	13	24,512	17	122,662	3	19,799	33	166,973	34	168,155
APR	11	30,864	18	100,431	6	30,048	35	161,343	36	162,393
MAR	5	16,025	15	54,383	6	24,063	26	94,471	28	97,100
FEB	5	22,263	14	57,306	4	10,272	23	86,841	23	89,841
JAN	3	15,197	16	102,125	4	30,808	23	148,130	23	148,130
TOTAL 1992	15	63,605	59	318,835	11	33,323	85	415,763	86	416,687
1992: DEC	3	19,022	15	97,818	1	917	19	117,757	19	117,757
NOV	2	7,859	17	84,368	0	0	19	92,227	19	92,227
OCT	1	3,490	2	10,872	2	8,118	5	22,480	5	22,480
SEP	2	8,412	2	7,673	2	8,188	6	24,273	6	24,273
AUG	0	0	3	24,134	0	0	3	24,134	3	24,134
JUL	1	847	3	10,899	2	9,591	6	21,337	6	21,337
JUN	2	1,245	5	27,521	2	3,880	9	32,646	9	32,646
MAY	4	22,730	2	19,453	0	0	6	42,183	6	42,183
APR	0	0	2	3,888	0	0	2	3,888	2	3,888
MAR	0	0	2	17,861	1	1,340	3	19,201	3	19,201
FEB	0	0	5	9,488	1	1,289	6	10,777	6	10,777
JAN	0	0	1	4,860	0	0	1	4,860	2	5,784
TOTAL 1991	6	27,210	15	59,521	25	115,226	46	201,957	49	209,179
1991: DEC	0	0	2	1,120	2	14,720	4	15,840	4	15,840
NOV	1	91	2	7,459	5	6,581	8	14,131	9	16,131
OCT	2	9,044	1	1,899	4	20,874	7	31,817	7	31,817
SEP	0	0	0	0	2	8,180	2	8,180	4	13,402
AUG	1	5,788	3	9,154	3	7,718	7	22,660	7	22,660
JUL	0	0	2	3,329	0	0	2	3,329	2	3,329
JUN	0	0	1	12,940	0	0	1	12,940	1	12,940
MAY	0	0	3	21,590	1	499	4	22,089	4	22,089
APR	1	2,799	0	0	1	1,237	2	4,036	2	4,036
MAR	0	0	1	2,030	1	11,715	2	13,745	2	13,745
FEB	0	0	0	0	5	33,170	5	33,170	5	33,170
JAN	1	9,488	0	0	1	10,532	2	20,020	2	20,020
TOTAL 1990	4	31,531	3	10,731	10	80,697	17	122,959	17	122,959
YRS PRIOR TO 1990	20	46,651	27	94,879	12	82,058	59	223,588	60	224,478
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED(5)	747	4,347,984	795	4,730,095	580	3,145,050	2,122	12,223,129	2,156	12,344,075

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 3, 1993. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
(Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period November 29, 1993 through January 3, 1993. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.